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Southborough, Mass.
October 1st-1947.

Robinson Fund

To The Trustees of the Public Library,

The Trustees of the Robinson Fund have decided that as the original desire and intent of this Fund was to build or help maintain a Library, and as we have had slight call for charity spending the past few years owing to increasing help each year thru regular Welfare and Old Age Assistance, that we will take our unspent income and some Capital and give it to the Town, the interest on same to be used by the Library Board of Trustees for a Book Fund, if this meets with the approval of our Board. If your Board does approve this gift we would like to suggest that a simple book plate stating that "this book was purchased thru the Robinson Book Fund" or something to that effect be put in each book so purchased. This Fund was intended originally to be a memorial fund and we think that a book plate would further that desire. We would be glad to supply this plate in sufficient numbers to take care of the books purchased. Will you let either Mrs. Brinley or Mrs. Burnett know your decision in this matter and if you have any suggestions we would appreciate having them.

Sincerely yours,

Marion F. Brinley
Helen H. Burnett

Trustees under will of
Charlotte R. Robinson

P. S. The amount of the gift would be \$3000.00

Southborough, Mass.
October 6th-1947.

Chairman Board Selectmen,
Southborough, Mass.
Dear Mr. Burnett:-

The Trustees of the Robinson Fund (Mrs. Godfrey Brinley and Mrs. Robert Burnett) voted at their last meeting to make a contribution from this Fund of \$3000.00 to the Town, the interest on this fund to be used by the Trustees of the Public Library as a book fund to be known as the Robinson Book Fund, books to be purchased by the Library Trustees at their discretion.

I enclose a copy of the letter we sent to the Library Board. As we would like to have this money available for the Library's use as soon as possible will you let us know to whom we should send the cheque for the \$3000.00 and if the Town will accept this gift.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Helen Burnett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Co Trustee of Robinson Fund.

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November 17, 1947

Board of Selectmen
Southborough, Mass.

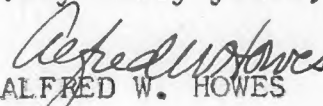
Gentlemen:

In regard to the desire of the trustees of the Robinson fund to turn over the accumulations and some of the principle of the fund to the town for library purposes, I have examined the statutes and can find nothing which indicates that a vote of the town is required to accept the gift.

Since it has always been my impression that such vote was required, I called Mr. Dime at the State House and he says there is no statutory provision requiring a vote of the town to accept such a gift, but that his office and general common law would require action by the town before acceptance.

While I have not seen the will, I would assume that before the trustees could make any gift to the town that it would be necessary to petition the probate court for authority.

Very truly yours,


ALFRED W. HOWES

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Robinson Fund

Southborough, Mass.
December 17th-1947.

Board of Selectmen,
Southborough, Mass.
Gentlemen:-

In talking further with our attorney in regard to the gift of the Robinson Fund to the Town of Southborough, the interest of which was to be used for the purchase of books for the Library Board, we find that he misunderstood the situation and has now advised us that he feels we cannot make this gift under conditions intended. He has therefore advised us to withdraw our offer as per our letter of October 6th for the present. We regret this extremely but we hope in the near future that we will be able to find some way that will be workable so that this Fund can be of help to the Library in their purchase of more books.

Sincerely yours,

Trustees of Robinson Fund

By

Herbert Sumner Purcell